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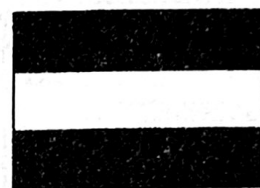
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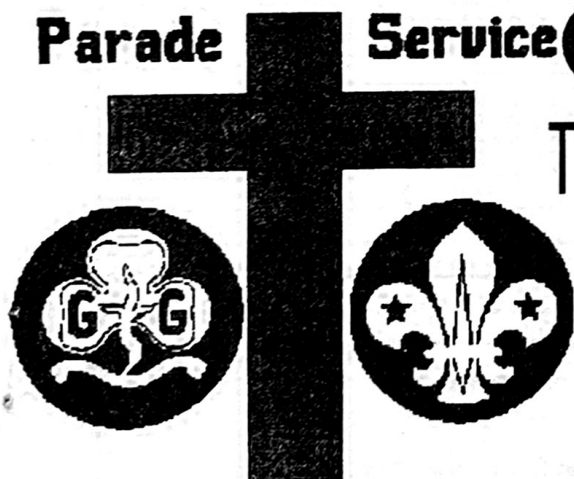
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Parade Service

Sunday 22nd February

3.00pm

at Bar Hill Church



February '98

Number 340

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Health Centre 780442

Health Visitors - 781855

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Health Centre (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00
The Health Centre (pm)	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00	2.00 - 6.00
Dr. R. A. Newsom (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00
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Dr. J. Hassan (am)	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00	8.30 - 12.00	8.30 - 10.00
Dr. J. Hassan (pm)	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00		4.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00
Practice Nurse (am)	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00	8.20 - 12.00
Practice Nurse (pm)	4.00 - 6.00	3.30 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	3.00 - 6.00	4.00 - 6.00
Child Immunisation (Practice Nurse)	3.00 pm				
Physiotherapist	8.40 am	3.00 pm			
Midwife ((Antenatals)	2.00 pm				
Child Health Clinic - Health Visitor		10.15 - 11.45 ¹			
Child Health Clinic - Doctor				3.00 - 4.00	
Dietitian		9.30 - 12.30 ³			
Orthoptist		9.00 - 12.30 ²			9.00 - 12.30 ³
Psychiatric Doctor					2.00 - 4.30 ⁵
Psychiatric Nurse			2.00 pm		
CAMTAD		9.00 - 12.00 ⁴			

- (1) - Child Health Clinic - Health Visitor is in the School Lounge
 (2) - 2nd in the month
 (3) - 3rd in the month
 (4) - 4th in the month
 (5) - 2nd & 4th in the month

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The monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thurs. 15th January 7.30 pm at 2 The Mall.

Lorry parking

Parish Councillors expressed surprise that the County Council was at last recognising the problem of lorry parking, and concern that no mention specifically regarding Bar Hill's overnight lorry parking problem had been made. The Clerk would invite Andrew Lansley MP to view the situation one evening and enlist his support. The Parish Council was already arranging for signs stating "Private Road - no overnight parking" to be erected at the end of Viking Way.

Youth Facilities

Permission has been granted for land at the front of the village to be utilised as the site for a BMX ramp. The youths concerned will be attempting to obtain funding from the lottery. The Parish Council was very disappointed that the County Council had again announced a delay in the Farmhouse building work schedule. The work specification had now been completed and sent out to various contractors for their quotations.

Play Equipment

Four quotations had now been received and final arrangements were being made to compare them. The school and Playgroups will be contacted to ask children for their choice of some equipment.

Planning Applications

There had recently been some differences between the opinions of the District and Parish Councils with regard to planning applications. The Chief Executive of the District Council would therefore be looking at this situation, with specific regard to the two most recent applications.

Dog Fouling

New regulations introduced by S. Cambs. District Council cover open areas and footpaths within villages, and areas alongside roads with a speed limit of 40 mph or less. Residents are again reminded that dogs are not allowed to foul on public areas within the village.

Development at Longstanton

The Parish Council were asked to comment on the new development proposed at Longstanton. Councillors were extremely concerned that the A14 could not take any extra traffic; some other route would need to be provided. The Bar Hill roundabout becomes congested with traffic at present, especially in the evenings, and could not cope with additional traffic from the Longstanton development. These comments would be passed on.

Mrs. C. McDermott, Clerk to the Parish Council
Please ring for an appointment before calling



Thought for the Month

It's not long until Shrove Tuesday and the annual - if sometimes unsuccessful - ritual of pancake making.

I'm one of those people who loves pancakes. For me the best sort are firm and crisp around the edges, moist and soft in the middle, finished off with sugar and lemon. Delicious! I'm fortunate enough to be married to an expert in the field, so this year promises to be as satisfying as ever.

Pancake making is an old tradition, going back hundreds of years. Its origins date back to a time when people fasted during the Christian season of



Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday. On the eve of the fast, people feasted and used up some of the good things from the kitchen such

as butter, milk, and eggs. It was also a night of great fun, with pancake races being popular, before the time of more sober reflection began.

It may be that in your home you enjoy the fun and festivities of Shrove Tuesday but have never stopped to think about what follows next. In the Church we think of Lent as a good way to get ready for Easter, when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the great joy this brings. During Lent we prepare for this by thinking about the reason for his death on the cross, our own sin and that of the world. That way we begin to understand more fully the depth of God's love in sending Jesus to us and we can respond more properly in worship and praise at Easter time.

Perhaps this year, after scraping the last remains of pancake from floors and ceilings, you might just stop and pause to consider what it's all for, as a way of helping us to get ready to meet afresh with Jesus, the one who we know is risen from the dead and who is now alive forever more.

With my prayers and warm regards.

Gary Renison.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Bar Hill Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Community Beat Officer. By the time you read this the Residents' Association AGM will have taken place and hopefully I will have had a chance to meet some of you.

An overview of last year's crime showed that over 35% of total recorded crime was criminal damage. This is a high figure but one which can be reduced with a successful partnership between police, residents, local business and Neighbourhood Watch, but to make this work I need to hear your views! I know that differing opinions are held but perhaps it is time for a fresh start and a look at ways to provide recreational opportunities for the Village children.

I can be contacted at Histon Police Station 01223 358966 (ask to leave a message) or voice mail (I will listen to all your messages!).

Wishing you all a good and happy 1998.

PC 1187 Richard Newman

The Doorstep Service

Coming soon to Bar Hill Library

Do you enjoy books and reading? Do you have a day to spare each month? Would you be interested in choosing and delivering library books as a volunteer Library Visitor? If the answer is 'yes' to all these questions, then Cambridgeshire Libraries Service would like to hear from you! The 'Doorstep Service' aims to help local people unable to use a library because of mobility problems or ill-health. If you would like to know more about what you can do to help, please contact Hilary Firth, co-ordinator, The Doorstep Service, Ascham Road, Cambridge CB4 2BD, 01223 718358

Thank you

It was wonderful to see so many people enjoy the Church Services over the Christmas period.

The Church would firstly like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the Chernobyl '98 Holiday appeal which now stands at over £700.

The Church has also been asked to thank everyone who donated children's Christmas presents at the Gift and Crib service. Home Start were amazed at the quantity and quality of the presents and say that the receiving families were extremely grateful.

Fund-Raising Morning

Easter Chocoholics Party

(combined with a coffee morning)

Thursday 12th February

10.30 to 12.30

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We will be serving refreshments throughout the morning and holding a raffle at approx. 12 o'clock.

All proceeds will be put towards buying Kirsten a rotating car seat, to enable us to get her in and out of our car more easily. The seat costs almost £600. Please come and support us. (If you are unable to come along, but would like to order something, brochures are available - Tel: 781472)

Neighbourhood Watch

There will be a meeting of Neighbourhood Watch in the Village Hall on Thursday 23rd April at 8.30pm. The police will be in attendance and there will be an opportunity to meet the new Police Liaison Officer for Bar Hill - PC Richard Newman. It is hoped that all people interested in Neighbourhood Watch will attend this meeting.

Some areas of Bar Hill do not have a Neighbourhood Watch organisation, so if you are interested but are not in a scheme please contact me for more information. Volunteers to initiate schemes are always welcome.

John Revell 201258

Dear Editor,

During the past 10 years Bar Hill has suffered severe problems caused by overnight parking of lorries from various parts of the UK and overseas. The results of this have been air and noise pollution, litter, rubbish, human excrement and damage to property.

The Bar Hill Parish Council has, during this time, made numerous requests to Cambridgeshire County Council Transport and Environmental Health Departments, both directly and through our elected County Councillor. Alas nothing has been done on our behalf.

Now, thanks to the Parish Council's approach to the Cambridge Evening News, publicity is being given to these problems. Perhaps someone will now listen and we might at long last obtain some action from the County Council.

The solution is simple. The erection of 'No Overnight Parking' signs and a restriction order for the perimeter road will give the police power to act.

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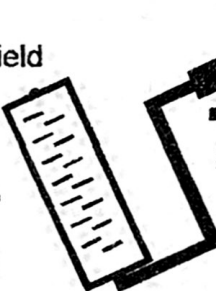
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At Cambridge & Huntingdon Health Authority we had been encouraged by earlier statements from the Government on its stance on tobacco. However, we are disappointed that the Government has now submitted to the sporting and tobacco lobby on the issue of tobacco sponsorship and Formula One racing. The adverse effect this will have is on the European Union's bid to ban advertising and sponsorship in Europe, which is now in grave jeopardy.

Smoking is the largest cause of preventable death and illness in the UK and 599 Cambridge and Huntingdon residents die unnecessarily each year from tobacco related disease. Furthermore, preliminary results from the 1996 Household Survey show that smoking is on the increase, particularly among women. As a Health Authority we have a responsibility to promote public health.

Cigarette advertising seems to increase children's awareness of smoking and encourages them to take up the habit. A Government study of world-wide advertising bans found that bans were followed by significant falls in smoking of four to nine percent. If the UK achieved the lower figure, 4000 lives would be saved each year.

We can only conclude the Government is more committed to protecting sport and employment than to preventing premature death; health is not as high on its agenda as these other issues.

We are concerned that the Government's recent action will make it more difficult for the public, especially young people, to take seriously any of its future statements regarding health. If you agree with our views, we ask you to write to Tessa Jowell, Minister for Public Health, 79 Whitehall, London SW1 2NS or your local MP.

Dr. Ron Zimmern, Director of Public Health

Camsight

Camsight is a local charity supporting visually impaired people in our Resource Centre in Green End Road, in Cambridge and 105 surrounding villages. The next house-house collection in Bar Hill will take place from 28th Feb.-7th Mar. If you have a couple of hours to spare that week, and would like to volunteer, please contact me at work on 01223 420033 or at home on 202877. Areas not yet covered are:-Appletrees (76-200), Foxhollow (1-84), Hollytrees (53-105), Little Meadow (1-67), Oatlands Avenue (1-76), Stonefield (61-111), The Spinney (46-187), Watermead (1-115).

Mrs. Vicky Russell
House to house collections coordinator

The Royal British Legion

Members enjoyed a Christmas social and thanks are extended to the organisers.

We are pleased that the total amount raised by our Poppy Appeal now stands at £4,176.91, exceeding the 1996 total. Our branch is very grateful for the support and help given to raise this amount and to the public in general for their generosity towards our organisation.

The next monthly meeting will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 26th February at 7.30 pm

E. Patrick 782136



"THE POINT"

Brilliant news! "The Point" youth club goes weekly from February onwards and here is the programme up to Easter:

6	Feb	Computer Games (Crack the D-Code!)
13	Feb	Valentine Disco
20	Feb	Half term - no club
27	Feb	Normal club
6	Mar	Messy Games
13	Mar	Normal club
20	Mar	Videos and Popcorn
27	Mar	Normal club
3	Apr	End of term Disco



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1) It's ice skating! It's dry. It's fun. It's 'Fun Ice' with music and disco lights - for all ages. Thu. 12th Feb. Seven 45 minute sessions between 3.30 and 8.30. School Hall. Tickets £1.50 available from Emily Lewney 781770.

2) Also adult disco on Sat. 7th March, Bar Hill School from 8.00 to 12.00. Licensed bar. Tickets available from School Office - £3.50.

3) Cake Sale Fri. 6th Feb. School Hall 3.15 to 3.45 pm.



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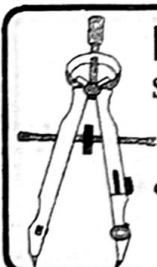
Swavesey Village College, 7.30 pm Thursdays

Feb 5th - Leigh Preston FRPS will be giving a talk called 'The Great Divide'. Leigh's work has appeared in numerous magazines and exhibitions and he is a member of the RPS Licentiate distinctions panel.

Mar 5th - Colin Westgate FRPS MFIAP. One of only four British photographers who have gained the distinction of MFIAP, he will be giving a talk on landscapes around the world. 'Seeing The Wild Light'.

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Sylvia, Troop Leader 01480 466404
Chairman, Stan Dixon 01954 782729

Under Ones

Babies under one and mums/dads are welcome on Wednesdays in the Church Centre from 10 - 12 noon, for refreshments and a chance to meet other people with young babies. Expectant mums are also very welcome. We offer changing facilities, a good selection of toys and a well-stocked library on all aspects of pregnancy and baby care. Contact Emily Lewney, 7 Oatlands Avenue, 781770



Little Acorns Pre-School

Little Acorns is a privately-run Pre-school, where children from 3 years are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of planned educational activities in a friendly, sociable environment.

Our sessions are held in the Church Centre on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. We also have a session in the School Studio on Monday mornings.

There are 3 members of staff at each session, at least 2 with a NNEB qualification, and at least one qualified first aider.

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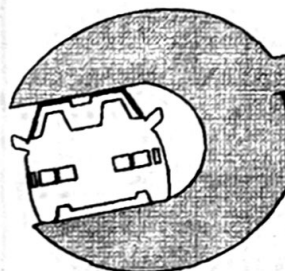
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There are also more structured activities including pencil control, basic maths and occasional cooking lessons and excursions. A well-stocked book corner is open for the children to enjoy.

After approximately 45 minutes the session moves across to our **play room** which is designed to help develop the children's agility, co-ordination and imagination through pretend play with a wide range of activity toys/equipment, train set and playhouse. We also have lots of puzzles, games, etc.

This is followed by a shared fruit/drink time. The sessions finish with a story and singing time.

Our session times are:-

Mon, Wed & Thurs.	9.15 - 11.45am
Tues. 'Play Tots'	9.30 - 11.00am
Tues	1.00 - 3.30 pm
Friday (pre-School)	9.15 - 11.45 am

If you would like to visit Playgroup, please call in at any session. The Playleaders will be happy to show you around and answer any questions. Application forms are available from Playgroup, the Library and our administrator Jenny Dedman 782037 (before 7 pm).

Jumble Sale

Saturday March 14th, 2-4pm, Village Hall. Please look out for the slip which will come through your door. Offers of help to collect / sort jumble or help on the day would be appreciated.

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Congratulations

Everyone at Playgroup would like to congratulate Jenny Dedman on passing her diploma in Pre-School practice.

If you are interested in joining the committee to help in the decision making and running of Playgroup please contact Gill Konradt 200238 (Liaison Officer)



Parent and Toddler Group is for children of 12 months to 3 years. Sessions are held in the Church Centre. In each session there will be painting, messy play, sand, large activity toys, puzzles, books and much more. We also have a singing and action time at the end of each session.

Session times:

Mon - Fri mornings 10-11.30

(Wednesday for 12 - 18 month Toddlers only)

Mon & Tue afternoons 1.30-3.00

To find out more, please contact Carin 779062, **note the new phone number**. You are welcome to call in and have a chat with supervisors Jo & Mary.

Diary dates:-

Wed. 18th Feb. Holiday music Session - See Toddler Noticeboard for more details.

Tue. 24th March. **Annual General Meeting** plus Beauty talk/demonstration and refreshments, starting at 8pm in the Meetings Room of the Octagon. If you are interested in joining the Committee ring Claire on 781527.

Tue. 7th April. Easter Playday 10.00 - 11.30 am in the Octagon.

Term Dates

Monday January 12th- Friday 3rd April

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Our qualified Pre-school Leaders are Jo and Maggie. If you are interested in a place for your child please call in at any session. Application forms are also available from the Library and Patsie Ostler 201079. (Before 7pm)

Session times:

Mon - Fri 9.15am - 11.45, 12.45 - 3.15pm

(NO Tuesday pm session)

Each term the children learn a different letter, number, colour, item etc. Our topic for this term is patterns. Please encourage your child to bring in something to do with patterns for our topic table. Please also label it with your child's name. We have a "showing time" where your child can show the group a prized possession before it is put away safely until the end of the session.

Xmas Sponsored Event. A prize was given to Toby Chapman for the best "Christmas Tree". The other children who took part also received a small gift. This event raised £172 for our funds. Well done and thank you to every one involved.

Hiring the building. The charges are £10.00 all day which includes the garden, or £3.00 an hour. Early booking is advisable. Contact Sandra Crane 781600.

Diary Dates

16th February - ½ term

17th & 19th February - Pre-school sessions.

Please see the notice board for more info.

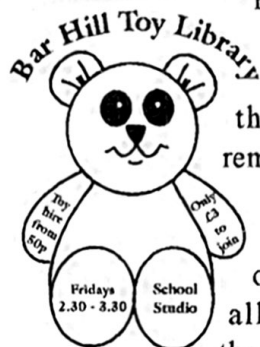
Wanted Do you have any unwanted, good condition, 3 wheel trikes or scooters? We would be very grateful if you do. See a Pre-school Leader.

Keep us informed. If you change your phone number or any other details which are relevant to us so that we can keep our records up to date.

Thank You To Ruth who helped us temporarily to prepare for our annual inspection.

We wish you all a Happy New Year.

Wendy Coppen (Chairperson) 201003
(Before 7pm)



Please note that sessions will now be held in the Community Lounge rather than the School Studio. Times remain the same.

A new pricing structure has been introduced. Full details of this have been circulated to all current members. In short, there is no longer a reduction for hiring toys for two weeks, but we are offering a discount if toys are hired for 4 weeks or longer.

Our AGM will be held on **Thursday 12th March at 8pm in the Community Lounge**. We are looking to elect at least 8 new Committee members who are prepared to help out at sessions, to replace those members who will not be standing for re-election this year. If at the AGM there are not enough Committee members to enable the Toy Library to continue, a proposal will be made that the Toy Library will close with immediate effect, and all toys will be sold. Please let any of the current Committee know if you are interested in joining the 1998 Committee.

After the formalities are over, there will be a demonstration and a chance to try a range of Body Shop products. There will be a chance to buy on the night, so don't forget your cheque books.

The Nearly New Sale will take place on April 25th in the School. If you are interested in helping please let us know.

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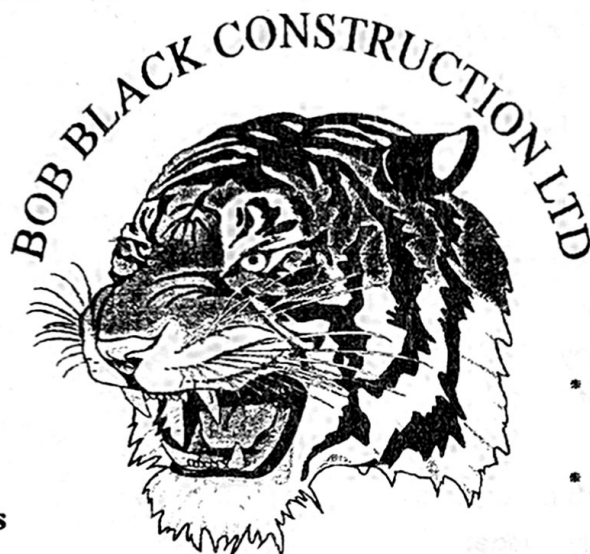
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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Christmas and New Year seem such a long time ago now, I ought to spend time bringing you up-to-date with various events since my last article.

Spooks, Ghosts, Witches, Vampires and Ghouls were all present at our two evenings celebrating Halloween. Our fund raising for "Children in Need" raised nearly £200.

A very successful evening "Rocking 'N Rolling" to Cloud Nine in the Village Hall proved yet another success.

The now traditional trip to Twickenham for the annual Varsity Match between Cambridge and Oxford had an ironic twist to it this year; it included a full sight-seeing tour of London, Tower Bridge, Canary Wharf (we even saw the proposed Millennium Dome), Downing Street and even a glimpse of Jonah Lumo being filmed on an open top London Tour Bus! However, I am pleased to report, following our lunch break in Chiswick (adjacent to the Fullers Brewery no less) and an excellent game of rugby football where, of course, Cambridge won yet again, we returned safely to Bar Hill some four hours after leaving Twickenham and visiting most of the Southern Counties, (if only the driver had asked for directions home). We eventually returned to the Social Club for last orders - stamina indeed.

Perhaps the highlight of our pre-Christmas entertainment was our venture of "Jazz on a Sunday" with the Cambridge Jazz Company. This proved to be very popular and the atmosphere created by both the band and the audience was nothing short of amazing. Watch out for future jazz events.

The Christmas raffle, once again, re-wrote the record books, selling over £3,000 of tickets and having 90 prizes. Congratulations to Andy Moore who won £500 worth of holiday vouchers and Jethro who won his own playstation - also to Roger who won the flight over Cambridge in a Tiger Moth!

The New Year's Eve party saw us entertained by Bob Marshall. Restricting entrance to Members only created a comfortable atmosphere for drinkers and dancers alike.

Finally, Christmas would not be Christmas without a Pantomime and of course Father Christmas - we had both! Over 60 children attended, all visit-

ing Santa in his "Grotto". I have it on good authority from the man himself that all the children behaved impeccably and his chats with them were most informative, alas he would not tell me more!

Even further into the future is the Millennium celebrations; anyone wishing to help organise or discuss appropriate celebrations for the turn of the Century please contact Lesley Sadler, Secretary. It is proposed to hold the first meeting late February, early March of this year to co-ordinate the celebrations and events.

Forthcoming events include Valentines Night (14 February), Pancake Day (24 February), St David's Day (1 March) St Patrick's Day (17 March), St George's Day (23 April), coverage of the Five Nations Rugby on the big screen television begins in February and this year includes games on Saturdays and Sundays.

At our last meeting, the Committee agreed to purchase more new games and videos for the Children which are all available from behind the bar.

New chalkboards are scattered around the Club advertising promotions and forthcoming events. See Sue for details of two theatre trips to London.

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Happy Hours (The Recycled Youth Club)

Our Chairman and the committee extend their New Year greetings to all members of Happy Hours and to all of Bar Hill. So

another year has gone by - where does the time go? Happy Hours is now celebrating its ninth year and although the numbers have sadly gone down in recent weeks we still number 86. We welcomed a new member, Helen Collins - glad you could join us and a sincere welcome from all the members. Regretfully we lost two members in recent weeks, Betty Bridgeman and Eric Coniec.

Two major events were celebrated in November and December. Our birthday party was a huge success, entertainment provided by Olwyn's son; most enjoyable. The Chairperson wished to extend her thanks to all the committee members who worked so hard to provide a wonderful meal and again to Olive Taylor for a magnificent cake. Thanks indeed. Our Christmas Party was a roaring success. This year it was held in the Moat House. They certainly did us proud, food in abundance, musical entertainment, a happy sing-song and dancing to the organist. Happy Hours would like to thank the following companies for their most generous donations of money or gifts for our Christmas Raffle:- Domino Ltd., Tesco, Kitchen Smiths, Moat House, Master Flooring, Ceramics, Forbuys and our Vera Hammond from the Happy Hours Club. The organisation of the party and raffle was again undertaken by Sid Hunt to whom we are eternally grateful for the efforts he puts into Happy Hours. Thank you Sid from all of us. The gifts from all these companies certainly rounded off a most memorable party and let's hope we can continue these for the years ahead.

I wonder if like us you send and receive lots of Christmas cards. Do you too, sometimes say to yourself that as you have not seen the recipient for years should you not bother to send any more? I have to say we send cards to people we met on holiday years ago and if they rang our front door bell, unless they told us who they were, I'd never recognise them! In a card for someone we've not seen for many years, we received the following poem and we rather liked it. Needless to say, its contents have ensured that we have not removed any names from

our lists!

*We have a list of folks we know, all written in a book,
And every year when Christmas comes we go and take a look,
And that is when we realise that these names are a part,
Not of the book they're written in, but of our hearts.
For each name stands for someone who has crossed our path some time.*

*And in that meeting they've become the rhythm in each rhyme,
And while you may not be aware of any special 'link',
Just meeting you has changed our lives more than you think.*

*For once we've met somebody, the years can not erase
The memory of a pleasant word or of a friendly face.
So never think our Christmas cards are just a mere routine,
Of names upon a Christmas list, forgotten in between,
For when we send a Christmas card that is addressed to you,
It's because you are on the list of folks we are indebted to.
For we are the total of the many folks we've met,
And you happen to be one of those we prefer not to forget.*

Christmas Carol Singing

On a very cold Tuesday just before Christmas over 20 people turned out for our Christmas carols. As you well know, our effort this year was to provide equipment for the Addenbrooke's Premature Baby unit. In just under one hour we raised £94.16, which included a donation of £6.10 from the lovely ladies of the WI. Thank you ladies. One hour's carol singing on that bitterly cold evening was quite enough for those 'oldies'. Our Chairperson wishes to thank those who braved such a terrible night, God Bless you. Our collection couldn't have gone to a better cause. A cheque of £100 is being sent to the childrens' hospital.

1998 Forthcoming events

Don't forget we are planning to go for a five day holiday to Llandudno in April so come and enjoy yourselves.

We have a couple of items which we would like to dispose of and would welcome a small donation: a four wheeled shopping trolley (which has been hardly used) and a two ringed electric table top cooker.

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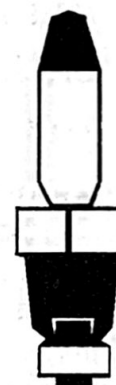
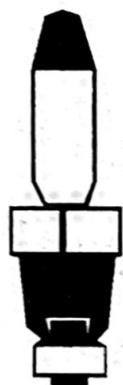
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